

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

June 2014 – Week 3

Air Date: June 15 – June 21 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: TO HELL AND BACK

JUNE 1924 AND A HERO IS BORN ON A TEXAS FARM.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION THE VOICE AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 20TH, 1924. ONE OF TWELVE CHILDREN, AUDIE LEON MURPHY IS BORN NEAR DALLAS.

IN 1942 AUDIE TURNS 18 AND JOINS THE ARMY - FIGHTING IN EIGHT CAMPAIGNS AND EARNING OVER 33 DECORATIONS FOR VALOR, INCLUDING THE MEDAL OF HONOR. THE TEXAS FARMBOY BECOMES THE MOST DECORATED SOLDIER OF WORLD WAR II.

AFTER THE WAR, MURPHY GOES TO HOLLYWOOD AND APPEARS IN OVER FORTY MOVIES, INCLUDING HIS OWN AUTOBIOGRAPHY. HE JOINS TO FIGHT IN KOREA BUT IS NEVER CALLED. AUDIE MURPHY DIED IN A PLANE CRASH IN 1971.

AUDIE MURPHY BEGAN HIS JOURNEY TO "HELL AND BACK" 90 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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